



Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Department of the Interior

345 East Riverside Drive
St George, Utah 84790



National Park Service

News Release

For Immediate Release: May 21, 2002
Contact: Diana Hawks (435) 688-3266

Release Number: 01-02

Public Scoping Meetings Scheduled for Arizona Strip Management Plan

Open house meetings will begin this month to initiate management planning for lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Park Service (NPS). The Arizona Strip Management Plan will address the following three geographic areas:

- Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (managed jointly by the BLM and the NPS)
- Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (BLM)
- BLM public lands between the two monuments

The meetings are being held to gather information for the future management of these areas. This is the first step in the planning process that will result in a new management plan for each of the monuments, and a revised management plan for the remaining Arizona Strip lands. The 90-day public scoping period began on April 24 and concludes on July 31, 2002. Interested individuals may attend the open house meetings anytime between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

May 28, 2002, Beaver Dam Elementary School, 3436 East Rio Virgin Road,
Beaver Dam, Arizona

May 29, 2002, Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive, **St. George, Utah**

May 30, 2002, The Marketing Center at the school (NW side of building), 50 North Colvin Street (100 East), **Colorado City, Arizona**

May 31, 2002, Fredonia Elementary School, 222 North 200 East, **Fredonia, Arizona**

June 3, 2002, Marriott Courtyard, 600 Club House Drive, **Page, Arizona**

June 4, 2002, Du Bois Center, Fremont Room, Building 64, Pine Knoll Drive, Northern Arizona University Campus, **Flagstaff, Arizona**

June 5, 2002, Crowne Plaza North Phoenix, 2532 West Peoria Avenue, **Phoenix, Arizona**

June 6, 2002, Kingman High School, 4182 North Bank Street, **Kingman, Arizona**

June 10, 2002, University Park Hotel, 480 Wakara Way, **Salt Lake City, Utah**

June 12, 2002, Cashman Center, 850 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **Las Vegas, Nevada**

Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service staff will be available to answer questions concerning the plan, and the public will have the opportunity to submit written comments. Comments will also be accepted via the internet at *arizona_strip@blm.gov* or can be sent by regular mail to:

Arizona Strip Planning Team
345 East Riverside Drive
St. George, UT 84790

New management plans are needed due to the designation of two new national monuments, the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument (January 2000) and the

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument (November 2000). The Monuments were designated to protect an array of scientific and historic resources. In some cases, the monument designations changed the management emphasis on these lands. Activities and uses have also changed on BLM public lands between the two monuments, due in part to increased use of public lands. For these reasons, new management plans will be prepared for the two new monuments, and a revised management plan will be prepared for the remaining BLM Arizona Strip lands. The public scoping period is the first step in this process.

For more information, contact Diana Hawks at (435) 688-3266 or Darla Sidles at (435) 688-3226.